

Reading Russian Documents: The Alphabet

Russian “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Activity

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Can you match the printed letters with their handwritten equivalents? The first example has been completed for you.

Бб

В в

Гг

Ю ю

Жж

У у

Юю

Б б

Тт

М м

Щщ

Р р

Чч

Т т

Ъъ

М м

Мм

У у

Now, practice using letters from real documents. Identify the printed letter in the handwritten version.

а	Елена
я	Мария
з	Звание,
ц	Месецъ
д	<u>Когда.</u>
ф	Сотря,
н	Иванъ
п	исповѣданіа
ѳ	Петрови

Examples were taken from the following document: "Parish Registers, 1874-1913," Russian Orthodox Church, Unalaska, Alaska; FamilySearch (<http://FamilySearch.org> : accessed 25 September 2019), image 510, digital film number 5122031.

One of the best ways to learn how to read Cyrillic handwriting is to practice writing the letters yourself. Use the lined paper and examples found [here](#) to get started.¹ Use the remaining lines on the final page to practice writing your name.

Click here to check your work against the [Answer Key](#). Remember, this will let you know you've mastered the Guide!

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¹ Or use the following link to access the activity:
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